

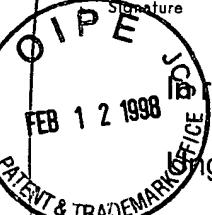
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 1997, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 3, at line 22, delete "closes" and insert therefor -- closest --.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

~~Sub 1~~ 1(Fifth Amendment). In combination with a swivel joint forming a flow passage and having a central axis, the improvement comprising:

a hollow tubular male connector having a first end, an annular outer surface and a plurality of outer annular grooves formed on said outer